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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 18 of the application to read as follows: --

[0018] In a special embodiment of the invention, the housing wall of the filter cartridge can have, at the place provided for the sensor elements to pass through, an elastic sealing material, e.g., an elastomer. It is then possible ~~to stick~~ for needle-shaped electrodes to be inserted, for example, by piercing through this sealing material, while maintaining a sealing form fit with the material. --